



Fredon Facts & Features

April 2021



PUBLIC NOTICE TO VOTERS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDON

An Annual School Election will be held on April 20, 2021 for the voters of the Township of Fredon. Polls will be open between the hours of 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Voters in Fredon Township will be voting upon an amount of General Funds to be raised for the ensuing school year 2021-2022. See your Sample Ballot which will be delivered shortly before the election for your voting district and polling location plus drop box availability.

POLLING LOCATIONS

Any voter wishing more information about their polling location may contact the Sussex County Board of Elections at 973-579-0950 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm or may visit the New Jersey Division of Elections website, www.njelections.org. Districts 1-4: Fredon Civic Center, 436 Route 94, Fredon

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THIS SCHOOL ELECTION WAS MARCH 30, 2021. In order to vote in this election, a resident in the Township of Fredon must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of New Jersey and Sussex County for thirty days, and shall have attained the age of 18 years by Election Day, April 20, 2021. Before being permitted to vote, the person must be a registered voter for at least 21 days prior to the election, or by March 30, 2021.

REGISTRATION BY MAIL

Anyone wanting to register by mail may do so by requesting forms from the Sussex County Board of Elections, telephone 973-579-0950, or by downloading the form at www.sussex.nj.us.

WHO MUST REGISTER

You must register to vote in this election if:

- You have never been registered before; or
- You have moved into the Township of Fredon from another town or state; or
- You have changed your name due to marriage, divorce, etc.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any voter who is registered to vote in the Township of Fredon and moved to another address within the same municipality should transfer his/her registration to the new address by March 30, 2021 to assure that they will be able to vote in the proper election district without being required to take additional steps. This is accomplished by notifying the Board of Elections in writing. Such notice must be signed by the voter and must include the voter's prior address, the name of the road on which the voter now resides and corrected mailing address (if different from the residence address). Change of Residence forms are available by calling 973-579-0950 or by downloading them from www.sussex.nj.us. Otherwise, the voter may correct their address and vote in the school election by provisional ballot at the polling place of the district in which the voter resides on the day of the election.

ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons unable to vote at the polling place due to a physical disability may request a mail-in ballot application by telephoning the County Clerk at 973-579-0900. The office of the Board of Elections may be contacted for information regarding polling place assignments and assistance to disabled voters who choose to vote at the polling place on Election Day. The telephone number is 973-579-0950.

THIS CONSTITUTES OFFICIAL NOTICE BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS PUBLISHED IN THE NEW JERSEY HERALD ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021

Take Pride in Fredon

Roadside Clean-Up

Saturday, April 24th

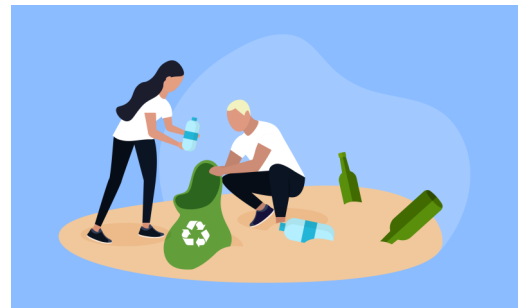
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Who: Residents of any age who are interested in keeping Fredon Clean & Green. Bring your family, friends! Scout, Sport or Civic Groups Welcome!

What: Remove Roadside Litter that has accumulated during the winter months.

Where: Register at the Fredon Township Municipal Building located at 443 Route 94, from 8:30—10:30 AM. Gloves and bags provided.

Sponsored by:
Fredon Township
Environmental Commission



Paper Shredding 2021



Paper Shredding Saturdays 2021

March 13
May 8
July 10
September 11
November 13

9 a.m. - Noon, Rain or Shine!
at Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice
99 Sparta Avenue, Newton, NJ

Have your Confidential Documents
Professionally Shredded On-Site
for Only \$6.00 per Grocery Bag
and Support a Great Cause!



For More Information, Call
973-383-0115 or 973-875-3444



skpapershred.com



Paper Shredding 2021

3rd Friday of Each Month
9 a.m. - Noon, Rain or Shine!
at SCMUA
34 South Route 94, Lafayette, NJ

Have your Confidential Documents
Professionally Shredded On-Site
for Only \$6.00 per Grocery Bag.
There is no limit on quantity and
it's open to all Sussex County
Residents and Businesses.



For More Information, Call
973-579-6998 or 973-875-3444



skpapershred.com





Upcoming Recycling Dates

Monday April 5th 5 AM

Monday April 19th 5 AM



Recycling pick-up takes place on the **first** and **third** Monday of each month. Please place recyclables out for the scheduled day regardless of any holidays. Place containers out on the **Sunday night before** the scheduled pick-up day. More information on single stream recycling can be found on the web site. Click [here](#).



ATTENTION SENIORS

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services publishes a monthly newsletter with information on support groups, tips, events, meetings, etc.

relevant to seniors. Click [here](#) for the April publication www.sussex.nj.us/documents/SeniorTimes.pdf

State of New Jersey

Property Tax Reimbursement

Senior Freeze

If you have a BLUE BOOK that needs to be filled out by the tax collector, the form can be mailed or dropped in drop box (without social security number) and they will be mailed back to you.

If you have any questions, please call 973-383-7025, Ext. #23

2020

SENIOR TAX FREEZE

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT

2020

**Eligibility
Requirements**

**You were 65 or older on December 31, 2019
Or if you were receiving Social Security Disability
payments on December 31, 2019 and also on
December 31, 2020;**

and

**You have lived in New Jersey continuously since
December 31, 2019 as an owner or renter**

and

**You have owned and lived in your home since
December 31, 2016;**

and

**You paid all 2019 and 2020 property taxes by
June 1, 2020;**

and

**Your annual income did not exceed
\$91,505.00 in 2019 and \$92,969.00 in 2020
including Social Security, pension, etc.**

**Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement
Information Line
1-800-882-6597**

Coming up in May: 2nd Quarter Taxes Due May 1st

Please be advised that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Municipal Offices remain closed to the public until further notice for the health and safety of our employees and our community as a whole. **We will not be open to accept walk-in tax payments for the foreseeable future.** Tax payments may be placed in the drop box located to the left of the front door of the Municipal Building. The drop box is checked first thing in the morning, throughout the day and at the close of business at 4:00 P. M.

If you would like your bill stamped with a paid/received date and are using the postal service or drop box, **please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope in order to facilitate that.**

Residents are encouraged to mail their payments through the USPS or use the e-check feature and pay online at: [Fredon Tax Payments](#)

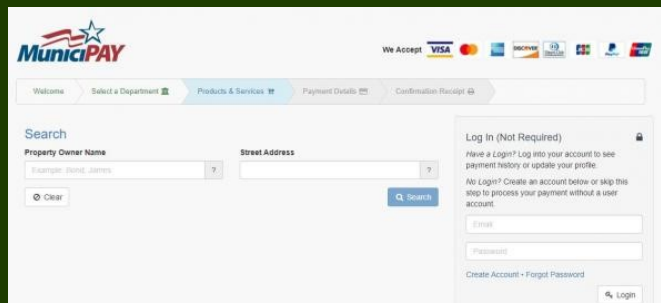
NO CASH PAYMENTS

Please contact the Kerri Womack, Fredon Township Tax Collector at 973-383-7025, Ext. #23 if you have any questions.

NEW!! Online Tax Payment System

The online tax payment system is completely new, and reflective of a change in our tax system software. You can access your property tax payment info by putting in your last name and search. From there you add the payment to your cart and check out.

The Township has changed Tax Payment Systems so if have paid online in the past and bookmarked the payment page please update to [Fredon Online Tax Payment](#)
It should look like this:

The screenshot shows the MuniPAY website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Welcome', 'Select a Department', 'Products & Services', 'Payment Details', and 'Confirmation Receipt'. Below this is a search section with 'Property Owner Name' and 'Street Address' input fields, a 'Search' button, and a 'Clear' button. To the right of the search section is a 'Log in (Not Required)' section with fields for 'Email' and 'Password', and links for 'Create Account' and 'Forgot Password'. The top right corner features a 'We Accept' logo for various payment methods including VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and others.

As you navigate further into the process you will be given the option to enter your credit card or pay with an e-check. An e-check use charge will be only \$1.50, where the credit card fee is based on the amount of the tax bill.

The charges are \$1.50 for ACH payments and 2.65% for credit cards or debit cards, which is a reduction from the 2021 proposed increase with our previous vendor.

The Fredon Recreation Commission Needs You!

Website Management & Design

The Fredon Recreation Commission is in need of a volunteer who is good at updating and managing website and graphic design, someone who wants to continue, start a career or build their resume with a group of volunteers who are not that tech savvy. If you can help, please contact Arne Olsen by phone at 973-919-4777 or by email at Aso124@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER

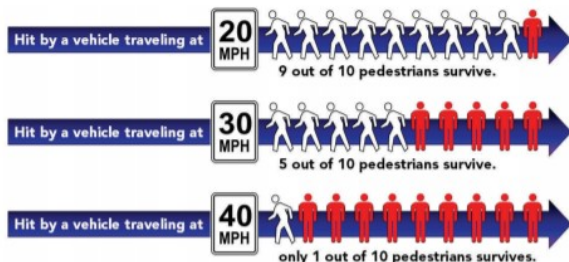


Studies show that the majority of speeding on local roads is done by drivers who live in those neighborhoods. Modeling good behavior is often a surprisingly easy and effective way to inspire it in others. When you drive in your neighborhood, make sure you're driving at the same safe speed you want others to go, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

Driving more slowly literally slows down the traffic behind it, and moving at a reasonable pace sends everyone the message that this is a residential area, not a freeway.

STOP NEIGHBORHOOD SPEEDING

A little extra speed makes a big impact.



Come to a Meeting!

The Fredon Township Committee welcomes any comments or suggestions from Township residents. Residents are encouraged to attend any of the Township Committee meetings, which are currently held in-person with face coverings and social distancing.



Residents may contact Committee members through Suzanne Boland, Municipal Clerk at 973-383-7025, Ext. 22 or at the numbers below.

Mayor John Flora

201-230-4967

Deputy Mayor Guy Masi

973-670-9867

Committeeman Glenn Deitz

973-333-4244

Committeeman Carl Lazzaro

973-464-5030

Committeeman John Richardson

973-222-8196



Mosquito Prevention and Protection



www.mosquito.org

Always remember the 3 D's of protection from mosquitoes

Drain

Many mosquito problems in your neighborhood are likely to come from water-filled containers that you, the resident, can help to eliminate. All mosquitoes require water in which to breed. Be sure to drain any standing water around your house.

- Dispose of any tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers.
- Clear roof gutters of debris.
- Clean pet water dishes regularly.
- Check and empty children's toys.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
- Canoes and other boats should be turned over.
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers.
- Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles.
- Plug tree holes.
- Even the smallest of containers that can collect water can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes. They don't need much water to lay their eggs. (bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage can lids, etc.)

Dress

Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing. Some of the 176 mosquito species are attracted to dark clothing and some can bite through tight-fitting clothes. When practical, wear long sleeves and pants.

Defend

Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Registered products have been reviewed, approved, and pose minimal risk for human safety when used according to label directions. Three repellents that are approved and recommended are:

- DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methane 3,8-diol, or PMD)

Here are some rules to follow when using repellents:

- Read the directions on the label carefully before applying.
- Apply repellent sparingly, only to exposed skin (not on clothing).
- Keep repellents away from eyes, nostrils and lips: do not inhale or ingest repellents or get them into the eyes.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that DEET-based repellents can be used on children as young as two months of age. Generally, the AAP recommends concentrations of 30% or less.
- Avoid applying repellents to portions of children's hands that are likely to have contact with eyes or mouth.
- Pregnant and nursing women should minimize use of repellents.
- Never use repellents on wounds or irritated skin.
- Use repellent sparingly and reapply as needed. Saturation does not increase efficacy.
- Wash repellent-treated skin after coming indoors.
- If a suspected reaction to insect repellents occurs, wash treated skin, and call a physician. Take the repellent container to the physician.

For more information regarding mosquito control please visit the Sussex County Office of Mosquito Control's website or call 973-940-5225.

Bulk Pick-up Dates To Be Determined...

The Township is currently waiting for bids for recycling, trash and bulk pick-up to be returned. The schedule for bulk pick-up will be determined after the bid opening. Nothing will be determined before June 2021. There will not be a bulk pick-up before July of this year. We will keep you updated, so please be patient. If you have any additional questions, please call 973-383-7025, Ext. #21.

About Garage Sales...



Every year the Township receives calls from residents asking questions about ordinance regulations relating to Garage Sales. The following addresses the most frequently asked questions and complaints.

Are Permits required to hold a garage sale?

Fredon Township does not require a permit to have a garage sale, but there are some regulations that must be followed.

Are signs advertising a garage sale permitted?

Yes, but each year this office receives complaints about signs that are not removed following "garage sales." Signs remaining in various locations around town are not only unsightly but also a violation of the sign ordinance. All signs must be removed immediately following the sale.

Is an ongoing garage sale permitted?

Another problem that has arisen in the past was the "garage sale" that continued over several consecutive weekends. Garage sales are not permitted to operate in the same location on a weekly basis and to do so would require a variance for a business use and a site plan because it is considered a business.

If you have additional questions please contact the Code Enforcement Officer, Allison Larocca at 973-383-7025, Ext. #25.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Due to the current status of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is with regret that the Fredon Township Municipal Building remains closed to the public until further notice to all non-essential business for the health and safety of our employees and our community as a whole. While we are not open to the public, we are in the office to assist our residents by phone. [Click here for the directory](#) or call 973-383-7025. We will do our best to continue to meet the needs of our residents while practicing the advice of "social distancing".

All drop-offs (tax payments, zoning and building permits, dog licenses, etc.) can be put in the drop box to the left of the front doors. Employees are checking the Drop Box throughout the day.

If you have any questions or if you would like to make an appointment for business of a personal nature, [please contact the appropriate office](#). We will do our best to respond to your needs promptly. For the health and safety of our residents and employees, **masks are required to be worn** to enter the building.

If you have any questions, please call 973-383-7025, Ext. #21

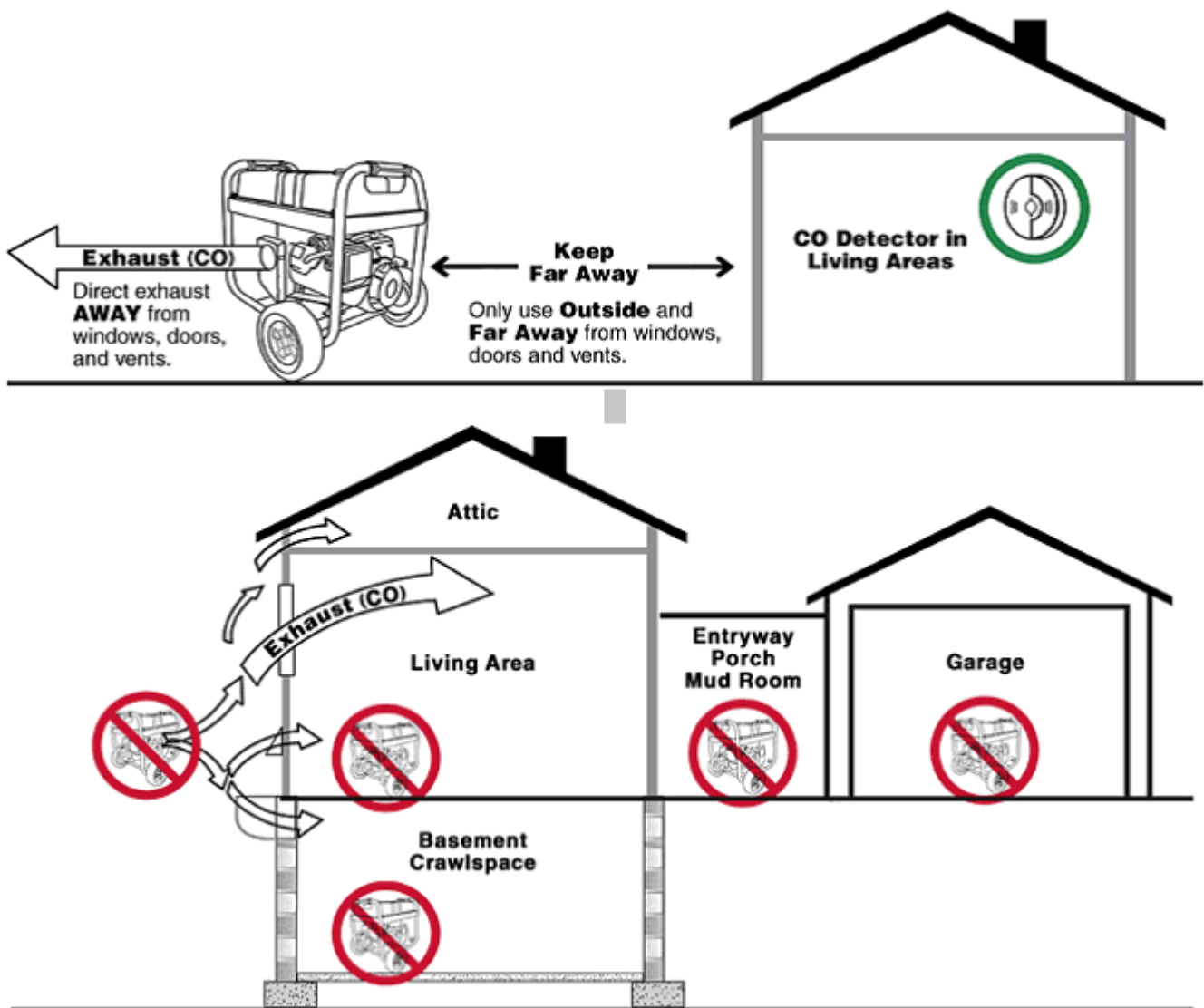
Municipal Offices Closed

The Fredon Township Municipal Building will be closed on Friday, April 2nd in observance of Good Friday. The Municipal employees will return to the office on Monday, April 5th.



JCP&L Storm Update

Jersey Central Power & Light reminds customers to take precautions when using generators during power outages. Emergency power generators offer an option for customers needing or wanting uninterrupted service. However, to ensure the safety of the home's occupants as well as that of utility company employees who may be working on power lines in the area, the proper generator should be selected and installed by a qualified electrician. When operating a generator, the power coming from the home should always be disconnected. Otherwise, power from the generator could be sent back into the utility lines, creating a hazardous situation for utility workers.



Who Owns What?

Ownership Guidelines for Your Home's Electrical System

When your home's exterior electrical system is damaged, it's important to understand which components are our responsibility and which are yours.

If you receive overhead electric service, we are responsible for the following components:

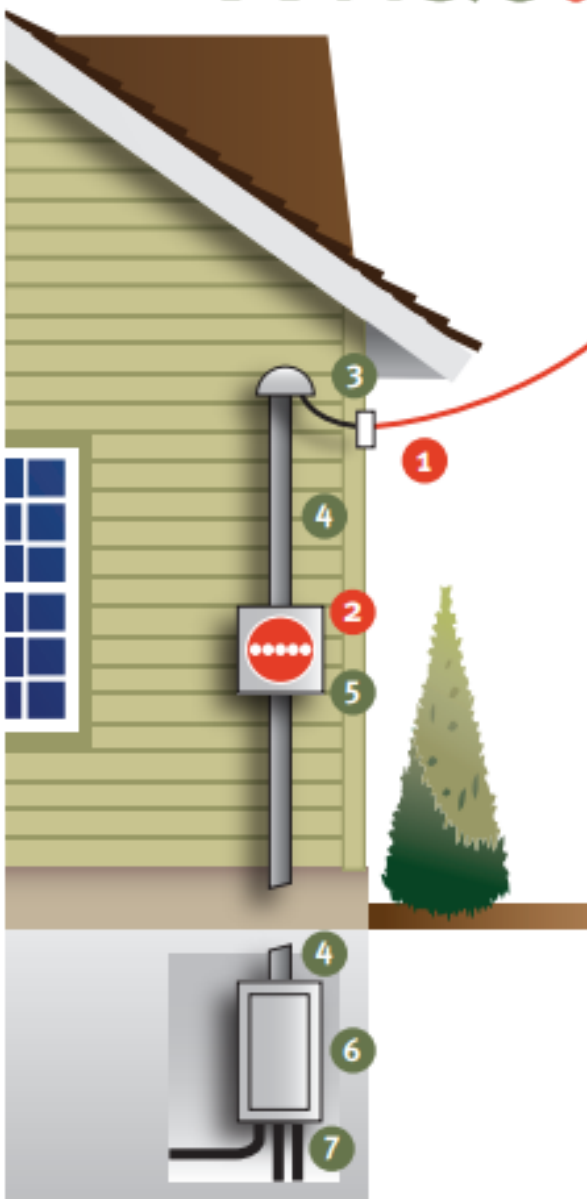
1. **Service Drop** – The wires running from the utility pole to your home.
2. **Electric Meter** – Measures your electricity use in kilowatt-hours.

You own and are responsible for repairing the following:

3. **Weatherhead and Insulator** – This is the point where our electric lines connect to your home.
4. **Service Entrance Cable** – The wire that extends from your weatherhead to the meter and from the meter to your fuse box or circuit breaker box.
5. **Meter Base** – Your meter is mounted in this box.
6. **Fuse Box or Circuit Breaker Box** – This is the main service panel that houses your fuses or circuit breakers.
7. **Household Wiring** – The interior wiring that distributes electricity through your home.

As a customer, it's also your responsibility to maintain open access to the meter and keep obstructions away from power lines that extend from the utility pole to your home. If trees on your property grow near power lines, don't prune or remove them yourself. Consult with a tree contractor who is qualified to work around electric equipment.

We all play an important part in making electricity safe and reliable. This fact sheet contains general ownership guidelines. For more detailed information, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/builders-contractors, or call 1-800-662-3115.



Lodestar Park

- if you bring your dog...



Lodestar Park has been friendly to dogs and those responsible for the park recognize that it is a great place to walk your dog. However, Lodestar Park is not a “dog park”, rather, a park where dogs can be with their owners. Unfortunately, there have been quite a few dog owners who disregard the park’s regulations and posted signs. This disregard for the regulations puts the existing policy at risk. If the current policy of permitting dogs in Lodestar Park is to continue, the regulations must be followed by everyone. While many may feel their dog is the exception to the rule, none are.

Please keep Lodestar “friendly” to dogs or you may lose this privilege.

Section 5-13.2 of the Fredon Township General Ordinances state that no person owning any dog shall permit it to be upon any public place in the township unless it is controlled by an adequate leash not more than six feet long.

It takes a cooperative effort to make the park safe and comfortable for everyone, so please be aware of your surroundings and be considerate of others. This is for both the safety of your dog and the safety of others enjoying the park. Leash laws exist to protect animals and people, and we urge you, as a responsible pet owner, to abide by them.

In addition....

In addition to the leash law, please follow these simple rules while visiting Lodestar Park:

- Please respect other park visitors: do not let your dog chase or jump on others, including other dogs.
- Please stay with your dog at all times.
- Please clean up after your dog and dispose of waste in trash cans located in the park.

If We Can’t Find You, We Can’t Help You....

Have you ever wondered how easy or hard it would be to find your home in an emergency? In the dark? In a rain-storm? In a snowstorm? What about trying to find your house in hurry?



Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services are dispatched by number & street name, **not** by owner’s name or third house on the left, white with green shutters.... Please don’t think that if your house is on fire it would be seen from the street! Many driveways in Fredon are long, with houses not fully visible from the street. And you certainly do not want the fire to be that big before the address is found. A group of mailboxes clustered together across the street only makes matters worse!

All houses must be numbered with at least three inch high numbers, per Fredon Township Ordinances. Number signs are available from the Fredon Volunteer Fire Company for placement at the end of driveways. Numbers can also be purchased at your local hardware stores. Whichever you choose - please number the end of your driveway - in an emergency - seconds count! Click [here](#) for the FVFC order form, signs delivered to your home!

Seconds save lives...

This sign saves seconds.

HELP WANTED

PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

Fredon Township - 40-hour work week, M-F, 6AM-2:30PM, Under supervision performs varied types of manual and unskilled laboring work, working outdoors. Employment for summer and fall seasons. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license and have clean criminal and driving records. Must be a New Jersey resident. EOE Salary: TBD

Application available online at FredonNJ.gov. Click [here](#) for the application.

Submit to: Clerk's Office, Fredon Township, 443 Route 94, Newton NJ 07860 or by email at clerk@fredonnj.gov

Board/Commission Member Applications Being Accepted - Several Vacancies to be Filled

Get involved! Board members needed!



The Township accepts applications from residents on a continuous basis for serving on any of the Boards or Commissions in the Township. Often people move, or their life situations change, creating vacancies on various Boards. Whether it be for the Land Use Board, Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission, or Board of Health, there is something for everyone. All you need is a commitment to attend the meetings on the scheduled nights and a willingness to serve your community. No experience required! In many instances, training and education is provided. At this time there are openings on the **Land Use Board, Environmental Commission and Recreation Commission.**

If you would like additional information, call at 973-383-7025, Ext. 21. Application forms are also available on the Township website [here](#)

Lung and Colon Cancer Education Webinar Open to the Public

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 07:00 pm to 08:00 pm 🌐



Event Details

WHEN Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 07:00 pm to 08:00 pm 🌐

Please register in advance:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZAmaQNHESb2FzYmoZkgkgA